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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$12,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,500,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$7,300,000.

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.
Branches and Agencies—
ROBE, NEW YORK.
LONDON, LYONS.
SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU.
BOMBAY, SHANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
PARS' BANK, LTD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

HONGKONG AGENT: INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

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S. CHOU, Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898. [152]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000.

Paid-up Capital.....\$346,574.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Board of Directors—
E. Burnie, Esq. D. Gillies, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ilin Chien, Esq.
Chow Tung Shang, Esq. J. T. Lauts, Esq.
Chief Manager— G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed.....5.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [18]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$10,000,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS—
R. M. GRAY, Esq., Chairman.
N. A. STEPHENS, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving.
E. GOOL, Esq. A. McConachie, Esq.
David Gibbney, Esq. A. J. Raymond, Esq.
A. Haupt, Esq. P. Sachie, Esq.
R. H. Hill, Esq. R. Shewell, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER—
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER—
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARRETT, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG, INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.

per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [19]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER
CENT per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$500 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1898. [20]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.—
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$80,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS.....\$800,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$450,000.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent, per
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

.....6.....3½.....
.....3.....2½.....

T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [21]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 14TH NOVEMBER, 1866.

Shanghai Taels.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$2,500,000.

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies—

CANTON, HANKOW.

CHIEFOO, PEKING.

CHINKIANG, SWATOW.

FOOCHEW, TIENSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for col-
lection Bills of Exchange drawn on the
above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic
Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agen-
cies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.

Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
3 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

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.....4.....
5%

E. W. RUTTER,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [22]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(cont.)

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	NO-SAIL	REMARKS
JAPAN	<i>Canopus</i>	W. H. Haughton, R. N. R. Noon, 12th April... Freight only.		
SHANGHAI	<i>Coromandel</i>	F. X. Tillard	About 14th April... Freight or Passage.	
LONDON, &c.	<i>Bengal</i>	S. Baucham	Noon, 15th April... Freight or Passage.	
JAPAN, &c.	<i>Rohilla</i>	S. de B. Lockyer, R. N. R. Noon, 19th April... Freight or Passage.		

Passing through the Inland Sea. See Special Advertisement.

For further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1899. [15]

THE CLUB HOTEL,
LIMITED.

No. 5 RUE DU FOYER, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL. Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-lunch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

Yokohama, 1st October, 1898. [16]

CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

WHISKIES.

IRISH.	SCOTCH.	SCOTCH.	AMERICAN.
1 doz. "Special Blend"	1500 "D.C.L." "THE DISTILLERS"	1000 "D.C.L." "THE DISTILLERS"	1000 "AMERICAN."
1 doz. "FINE OLD"	Our own Bottling 1600 "HIGHLAND CLUB" Co. Ltd.	1200 "HIGHLAND CLUB"	1000 "FINE OLD BOURBON"
"SPECIALTY" BLEND	1200 "LAND"	1400 "Special"	1500 "CANADIAN RYE"
"CHOICE OLD HIGH- LAND"	1100 "Do."	1200 "Special."	1300 "AMERICAN."
"GREENLIV"	1000 "FINE OLD BOURBON"	1100 "AMERICAN."	1300 "CANADIAN RYE"

H. PRICE & CO., 12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

GINS.

NOLET'S GENVA (square bottles).

A. V. H. (square bottles).

PLAUMONT GIN (Coates & Co.).

BOOTH'S No. 1 OLD TOM (finest quality).

BOARD'S OLD TOM (London bottled).

JAS. COUTTS & CO. SUPERIOR OLD TOM.

Do. UNSOLENTED.

NICHOLSON'S DRY GIN.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Agencies in all the principal ports of China, Japan, Borneo and the Philippines.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1899. [17]

W. POWELL & CO.

Ex. S.S. "SHANGHAI"

NEW STOCK OF LADIES'

TRIMMED & UNTRIMMED MILLINERY.

NEW FLOWERS, FEATHERS, LACES, RIBBONS, &c. &c.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1899. [18]

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL
AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN

HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRaits SETTLEMENTS,

FOR THE

UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LTD., LONDON,

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT

MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT, THOS. SKINNER

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

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PEAK HOTEL

AND

CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at VICTORY GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY TERMINUS, 1,350 feet above sea level.

CRAIGIEBURN is situated at PLUNKETT'S GAP, five minutes walk from the PEAK HOTEL.

Fine Healthy location, variety of beautiful scenery. Cool Southerly breezes in Summer with perfect protection against the North East Winds in Winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1899.

Today's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
MESSRS. DALLAS AND MUSGRAVE'S
THEATRICAL SEASON.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!
LAST NIGHT OF THE WORLD RENOWNED DRAMA
"THE SILVER KING."
(Special scenery painted for this great production.)

TO-MORROW NIGHT,
(WEDNESDAY), April 12th,
Grand Production of
MARK MELFORD'S
FUNNIEST OF ALL FUNNY-FARICAL
COMEDIES,
"TURNED UP."

PRICES: \$3, \$2 and \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors (in uniform) half-price to
baileys seats only.

Box Plan at the ROBINSON PIANO CO.

NOTICE.—A special train will run a quarter of an hour after full of curtain every evening.

W. H. BROWN,
Business Manager.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [424]

FRENCH COMIC OPERA COMPANY.

3 NIGHTS 3

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
ST. ANDREW'S HALL, CITY HALL

SATURDAY, 13th April, 1899.

GRAND CONCERT

A LA PARISIENNE
will be given at the above Hall at 9 P.M., by the following Artists:

Miss G. VASTI, Miss J. LORIG,
Chanteuse Comique

M. C. DARON,
Comique

Miss M. JAVARI, Mr. E. DANENBERG,
Chanteuse d'opéra, Pianiste.

NEW PROGRAMME.

Including the

LATEST GRAND SUCCESSES FROM PARIS.

Opéra Chansons, &c.

Songs by the whole Company.

PRICE OF ADMISSION:
RESERVED SEATS..... \$2
STALLS..... 1

At the ROBINSON PIANO CO.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [487a]

TREASURY BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, MEXICAN
TENDER, &c., drawn in this Colony, and
weighing 1,717 lbs. in exchange for Sterling Bills
drawn on London on the Londo Commission
silver, or on the Bank of Treasury, London,
will be received by the Officers in charge of
H.M. Treasury Office, until 11 A.M. on THURSDAY,
the 13th April, 1899.

The Tenders to state the total amount re-
quired in Pounds Sterling, and the amount
for which each Bill should be drawn, but no
Bill will be issued for sums less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate and in sealed
covers, addressed to the Officer in charge of
H.M. Treasury Chest, and endorsed "Tenders
for Treasury Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the
Tenders is reserved.

E. H. GORGES,

Colonel

T. Chest Officer.

Her Majesty's Treasury Office,
Queens Road.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [484a]

INSURANCE-HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Government Notification
No. 103 of 1898, the Undermentioned
INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED
for the transaction of Public Business, on
MONDAY, the 13th instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

GENERAL AGENTS.

DOUGLAS & SONS.

Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent.

NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

LIMITED.

Agents.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION,
LIMITED.

GEO. L. TUTTLIN,
Secretary.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Established.

W. H. T. DAVIS,
Local Manager.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [490a]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.

REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICE TO SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSU.

The Company will run the Regular Line
between Hongkong and the above ports
with the Company's steamers.

"MAIZURI MARU"

"SUMIDAGAWA MARU."

S.S. *Murasaki Maru* will be here on the 13th instant,
THURSDAY morning.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [491a]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM-NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,

BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ PORT

SAUDI, FUJEM AND TRIESTE.

Taking cargo at through rates to South Africa,

PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA,

LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship.

"MANIA VALERIE."

Captain A. Felling will be despatched as above

on SUNDAY, the 13th instant, at Daylight.

Silk and Vlakiles are transhipped on

arrival at Bombay into an accelerated liner.

For information as to Passage and Freight,
apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [492a]

To-day's Advertisement.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA"

Captain Davies, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 13th April, at Noon
For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [492a]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY:

FOR SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN DIEGO.

THE Steamship

"CARMARTHENSHIRE"

sailing on the 18th instant, has accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers at Special Rates of Passage.

For further particulars apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [493a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIAN"

Captain Budd, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 17th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [494a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR WEIHAIWEI AND TIENSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"KASHING"

Captain Hopkins, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 17th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [495a]

THE EAST-ASiATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM COPENHAGEN, GOETHENBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Company's Steamship

"CATIIAY"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risks, into the Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No. 1, will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in the Office of the Under-signed before Noon on the 18th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [498a]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after THURSDAY, the 13th instant, at Noon, will be handed as Consignees' risk and expense to Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1899. [499a]

Estimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

PORTS

(For Invalids and General Use.)

B.—VINTAGE, superior quality, Red Capsule \$14.40

C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule 16.20

D.—VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled) 20.40

Port after removal should be rested for a month before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out. These Wines are too favourably known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

How CAN THE COMMISSION ACT?

Now, the Filipinos have "seen their dead" and will be much less ready to listen to any reasons put forward by the Americans, when they would have been united.

Then, they and the Americans, were allies, now, the Filipino hatred for the Spanish, has been transferred to the Americans. The present Commission expect to visit the Philippine people in their respective provinces, both for the purpose of cultivating a more intimate mutual acquaintance and also with a view to ascertaining from enlightened native opinion what form or forms of government seem to be adopted

to the Philippine peoples." This is all as it should be and is what should have been done months ago. But how is it to be accomplished at the present time?

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1899.

rocks of the granite system, to say what other rocks may not exist. One thing is certain; there is everywhere an abundance of the best building material, and for road macadamizing nothing could surpass the hard basalt.

In one or two places I came on distinctly stratified rocks, of a hard, crystalline, close-grained variety, dark grey or bluish-grey in colour, which I would call syenite gneiss.

Pure quartz rock is uncommon, though in places distinct out-crops of quartzite were to be seen. I saw no mica schists, and except in the pure granite mass it was not to be seen. Talc also is absent, but hornblende appears everywhere, and I should say chlorite schists, hornblende schists and actinolite schists are fairly common.

I saw no limestone, all lime used in buildings being obtained from the burning of coral or oyster shells.

The lower hills between the mountain ranges are of laterite, rounded or conical in shape, and well covered with vegetation, combining to form the extremely picturesque scenery usually associated with such formations. The richly-cultivated valleys lying between, formed by the denudation of the surrounding mountains, seem in most cases to have a few feet of good soil overlying laterite; some excavation, as in wells, showed this very distinctly. The laterite is what would be called a coarse cobbler in Ceylon, fit for cutting out in blocks for building purposes. This is extremely like the disintegrated granite of Hongkong, but contains more silicate of alumina and oxide of iron, the latter showing large nodules.

Some excellent pottery clay exists on the slopes of Taihoo Shan, of which we saw specimens in the village of Lin-ou, of a light brown colour and extremely fine texture. Brick clay is found in all the valleys, and is used in the form of large sun-dried bricks, in many of the village houses and walls.

Possibly beds of primary limestone will be found, but the lime obtained by the burning of coral or shells is as a rule better for building purposes, so the absence of rock limestone, it such turns out to be the case, does not matter.

A lead mine was worked for some years on the side of Taihoo Shan, but the working discontinued for some reason about six years ago. Galena was also found near Kowloon, and on the north side of Lantau, and elsewhere. These workings should be examined by a mining expert, and the richness of the ore ascertained. The natives also speak of alluvial tin being found. Silver and lead were worked on the south of the island of Lantau within recent years, but without success financially, possibly due rather to Chinese official interference and bad management than to the absence of a paying richness in the ore. Expensive buildings were erected on the sea-shore and machinery sent to have cost 100,000 dollars imported and erected.

Even when the speculation collapsed, the plant was valued at \$35,000, all of which is said to have been abandoned. Only the foundations and cement floors of some of the buildings remain, and the brick chimney shaft of the smelting works.

I should say that on the Taihoo Shan range quartz, syenite and trap rocks predominate. Massive boulders of gneiss of a bluish grey or greenish colour are scattered over the mountain side and in the ravines. On the slopes in which the feldspar is found there is a stiff yellow clay, with veins of quartz gravel.

Lantau Island is entirely granitic on the south face and trap rocks on the north, the latter being consequently much better covered with vegetation and trees. The smaller islands, such as Ch'ung-chau, Ping-chen, and Lamma seem to be almost entirely granite.

It will be understood that as only 15 days in all were spent in the exploration of the mainland and islands no accurate or close geological survey was possible; the predominating rocks were judged as much from the stone used in the paved footpaths, stream crossings, sea walls, and houses, as from the bed rocks on the hill sides, usually difficult of access. This geological description of the country is therefore of a very sketchy and imperfect character, and a closer and more careful examination by a professional geologist, or an expert in mineralogy, will doubtless bring to light much that has escaped my observation.

THE SILVER KING.

To-night will be the last night on which Messrs Dallas and Musgrave's Company will give their representation of the "Silver King" and we should strongly advise all our readers who have not yet been, not to lose this last opportunity. The leading characters in a play are certain of their quota of notice and praise while those equally hardworking and important members of the company, the scene painter and business manager, do not very often even appear on the programme, so it is with much pleasure that we draw the attention of our readers to the scenic efforts of Mr. Jack Hall which have contributed so largely to the success attained, and to Mr. W. H. Brown to whose energy and business capabilities the Hongkong public are indebted for the arrangements made for their comfort.

MARRIAGE OF MAJOR BOWER.

SHANGHAI, April 4th.—At the Cathedral this afternoon Major Bower, the celebrated Asian traveller, who has been sent out by H.M. Government to organise the 1st Chinese Regiment, was married to Miss Annie, sister of Mr. W. Bullard.

The weather was far from all that could be desired, but the hearty reception by the officers and men from H.M.S. *Bonaventure* not only rendered honor to one who has served his Queen and country well, but was an indication of the happy relations which have commenced so favourably and promise to continue between the British land and sea forces on the China Station.

On arrival at the Church Major Bower, who wore the handsome uniform of his regiment the Bengal Lancers, was met by Capt. Montgomery of the *Hanniball*, and Capt. Fisher of H.M.S. *Grafton*, by which man-of-war the bridegroom arrived here yesterday from Wei-hai-wei.

The beautiful Easter decorations remaining, the church was already adorned for the occasion, but with murals in their red coats one side of the central aisle and men-of-war men in blue on the other the effect was very good. The bride arrived just before 4 o'clock leaning on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. Ballard of the Great Northern and Eastern and Australian Telegraph Co., who was met in the porch by three extremely pretty children, Miss Montague, Ede and the two Misses Miles. The bride was magnificently dressed in white silk and carrying basket filled with peach and plum blossom.

Lt. Nugent of H.M.S. *Bonaventure* was best man and the bride was given away by Mr. Ballard.

It was very evident that the parties desired least of all undue display, and if this was so the service lost nothing of its impressiveness and solemnity and the way in which the arrangements were carried out seemed to fully describe what manner of man Major Bower is, a worthy type of the British soldier. The ceremony over the bride and bridegroom duly signed the register, leaving the Church to the strains of the wedding march.

Major and Mrs. Bower will return to Wei-hai-wei almost immediately.—*Mercury*.

THE AMERICAN COMMISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES.

PROCLAMATION.

The following proclamation was issued on the 4th inst. by the American Commissioners to the Philippine people:—

The treaty of Peace between the United States and Spain, ratified several weeks ago by the former, having on March 20th been ratified by the latter, the cession to the United States as stipulated by the Treaty, of the sovereignty which Spain possessed and exercised over the Philippine Islands has now, in accordance with the laws of nations, received a complete and indefinite consummation.

In order that the high responsibilities and obligations with which the United States has thus become definitely charged may be fulfilled in a way calculated to promote the best interests of the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands, His Excellency, the President of the United States, has appointed the undersigned, a Civil Commission on Philippine affairs, clothed them with all the powers necessary for the exercise of that office.

The Commission desires to assure the people of the Philippine Islands of the cordial good will and fraternal feeling which is entertained for them by His Excellency the President of the United States and by the American people. The aim and object of the American Government, apart from the fulfilment of the solemn obligations it has assumed toward the family of nations by the acceptance of sovereignty over the Philippine Islands, is the welfare, prosperity and the happiness of the Philippine people, and their elevation and advancement to a position among the most civilized people of the world.

His Excellency the President of the United States believes that this felicity and prosperity of the Philippine people is to be brought about by the assurance of peace and order; by the guarantee of civil and religious liberty; by the establishment of justice; by the promotion of letters, science, and the liberal and practical arts; by the enlargement of intercourse with foreign nations; by the expansion of industrial pursuits, trade, and commerce; by the multiplication and improvement of the social and international communication; by the development, with the aid of modern mechanical inventions, of the great natural resources of the Archipelago; and, in a word, by the uninterfered devotion of the people to the pursuit of these useful objects and the realization of those noble ideals which it constitutes the higher civilization of mankind.

Unfortunately, the pure aims and purposes of the American Government and people have been misinterpreted to some of the inhabitants of certain of the Islands. As a consequence the friendly American force have, without provocation or cause, been speedily attacked.

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I should say that on the Taihoo Shan range quartz, syenite and trap rocks predominate. Massive boulders of gneiss of a bluish grey or greenish colour are scattered over the mountain side and in the ravines. On the slopes in which the feldspar is found there is a stiff yellow clay, with veins of quartz gravel.

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It will be understood that as only 15 days in all were spent in the exploration of the mainland and islands no accurate or close geological survey was possible; the predominating rocks were judged as much from the stone used in the paved footpaths, stream crossings, sea walls, and houses, as from the bed rocks on the hill sides, usually difficult of access. This geological description of the country is therefore of a very sketchy and imperfect character, and a closer and more careful examination by a professional geologist, or an expert in mineralogy, will doubtless bring to light much that has escaped my observation.

THE SILVER KING.

To-night will be the last night on which Messrs Dallas and Musgrave's Company will give their representation of the "Silver King" and we should strongly advise all our readers who have not yet been, not to lose this last opportunity. The leading characters in a play are certain of their quota of notice and praise while those equally hardworking and important members of the company, the scene painter and business manager, do not very often even appear on the programme, so it is with much pleasure that we draw the attention of our readers to the scenic efforts of Mr. Jack Hall which have contributed so largely to the success attained, and to Mr. W. H. Brown to whose energy and business capabilities the Hongkong public are indebted for the arrangements made for their comfort.

MARRIAGE OF MAJOR BOWER.

SHANGHAI, April 4th.—At the Cathedral this afternoon Major Bower, the celebrated Asian traveller, who has been sent out by H.M. Government to organise the 1st Chinese Regiment, was married to Miss Annie, sister of Mr. W. Bullard.

The weather was far from all that could be desired, but the hearty reception by the officers and men from H.M.S. *Bonaventure* not only rendered honor to one who has served his Queen and country well, but was an indication of the happy relations which have commenced so favourably and promise to continue between the British land and sea forces on the China Station.

On arrival at the Church Major Bower, who wore the handsome uniform of his regiment the Bengal Lancers, was met by Capt. Montgomery of the *Hanniball*, and Capt. Fisher of H.M.S. *Grafton*, by which man-of-war the bridegroom arrived here yesterday from Wei-hai-wei.

The beautiful Easter decorations remaining, the church was already adorned for the occasion, but with murals in their red coats one side of the central aisle and men-of-war men in blue on the other the effect was very good. The bride arrived just before 4 o'clock leaning on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. Ballard of the Great Northern and Eastern and Australian Telegraph Co., who was met in the porch by three extremely pretty children, Miss Montague, Ede and the two Misses Miles. The bride was magnificently dressed in white silk and carrying basket filled with peach and plum blossom.

Lt. Nugent of H.M.S. *Bonaventure* was best man and the bride was given away by Mr. Ballard.

It was very evident that the parties desired least of all undue display, and if this was so the service lost nothing of its impressiveness and solemnity and the way in which the arrangements were carried out seemed to fully describe what manner of man Major Bower is, a worthy type of the British soldier. The ceremony over the bride and bridegroom duly signed the register, leaving the Church to the strains of the wedding march.

Major and Mrs. Bower will return to Wei-hai-wei almost immediately.—*Mercury*.

Effective provision will be made for the establishment of elementary schools in which the children of the people shall be educated. Appropriate facilities will also be provided for high education.

Reforms in all departments of the government, in all branches of the public service, and in all corporations closely touching the common life of the people must be undertaken without delay and effected, conformably to right and justice, in a way that will satisfy the well-known demands and the highest sentiments and aspirations of the Philippine people.

Such is the spirit in which the United States comes to the people of the Philippine Islands. His Excellency the President has instructed the Commissioners to make it publicly known. And in obeying this behest, the Commission desire to join with His Excellency the President in expressing their own good will toward the Philippine people, and to extend to them the cordial invitation and a cordial invitation to meet them for personal acquaintance and for the exchange of views and opinions.

Malta, April 10th.

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Major-General, U.S. Vols.

CHARLES DENBY,
Dr. C. WORCESTER,

John R. M. Atkinson, Secretary of Commission.

REOPENED, APRIL 10, CHARLES E. MARD.

Lead chloro-oxide of zinc, having completed his tour round the world, arrived at Southampton on board the American liner *S.S. Louis*, from New York. His shipmate, who looked the picture of health, was engaged on board by Mr. Chapman, a member of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, a small group of personal friends, and was given a perfect shower of spontaneous applause upon the arrival of York, to whom the Captain had given the name of Lord Charles and should be a living symbol of deliverance until he had reached the port upon which he had been so long and safely at sea. The voyage, and which he hoped to have completed in about a fortnight. Being further asked, however, he stated that he had three months, and, having every-where, he said, a large community to be found, he estimated that the time of his arrival would be about four years when there would be a chance of establishing a permanent centre for trade. He had gone out to see what he could find, and he had found a general all. He had come to the conclusion that the only policy for Great Britain, so far as China was concerned, was the annexation. It was his opinion to estimate the importance of China as a trading centre, with the probability of a large number of other countries following him.

He estimated that the population of China alone was worth the whole of Asia from a commercial point of view. The only possible thing was the opening door, and unless they got it they would have to go to war. Japan, Germany, the United States, and Great Britain were all very interested in the trade of China; and it was for this reason that the match that was to be struck was to be struck at the haydock, and when there was a chance of establishing a permanent centre for trade. He had gone out to see what he could find, and he had found a general all. He had come to the conclusion that the only policy for Great Britain, so far as China was concerned, was the annexation. It was his opinion to estimate the importance of China as a trading centre, with the probability of a large number of other countries following him.

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R. Nihon	VLADIVOSTOK, VIA SWALLOWS, PORT SAID	14th April, 10 P.M.
SENDAI MARU	AMBOY, SHANGHAI, CHENGCHUANG, HONGKONG	14th April, 10 P.M.
H. Petersen	SHILOU AND NAGASAKI	14th April, 10 P.M.
HIROSHIMA MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE, AND TELSTON, 13th April, at COLOMBO	None
S. Tsuji	MARSEILLES; LONDON, AND PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 20th April, 10 P.M.
SADO MARU.....	WERP, VIA SINGAPORE, TELSTON, 13th April, at COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	at 10 P.M.
KASUGA MARU.....	NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 20th April, 10 P.M.
E. W. Harwell	HAMA	THURSDAY, 20th April, 10 P.M.
YAWATA MARU	TOWN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, 10th April, at VILLE, MELBOURNE	4 P.M.
KINSHU MARU	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., VIA PORT SAID, 10th May, at KORE, YOKOHAMA, AND PORT SAID	4 P.M.
TABA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, 10th May, at PORT SAID	4 P.M.
J. W. Vale	PESSANG, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID	4 P.M.

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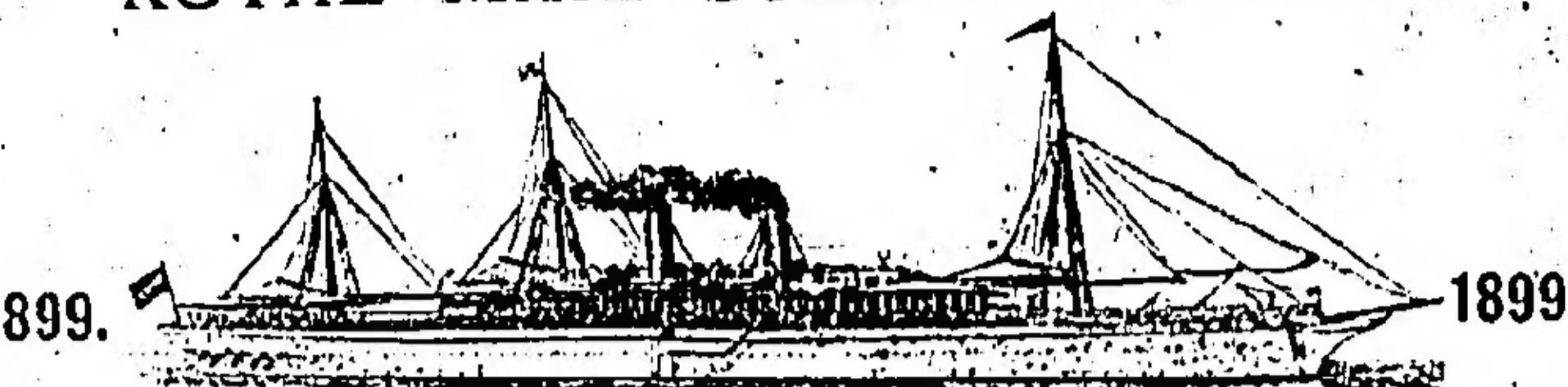
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